

The Present Tense

1. The Present Tense tells us ~~where~~ that an action is happening in The present (as in right now/at this very moment)
Ex. portat → "he carries" ; teneo → "I hold" ; audis → "you hear"
2. There are three ways to translate a Latin verb of The present tense:
 - i. I + verb → amo = I love
 - ii. I + am + verbing → amo = I am loving
 - iii. I + do + verbing → amo = I do love
3. Each conjugation has particular endings in The present tense:

1st Conjugation: amo, amare - to love

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	<u>amo</u> - I love	<u>amamus</u> - we love
2nd	<u>amas</u> - you love	<u>amatis</u> - y'all love
3rd	<u>amat</u> - he/she/it loves	<u>amant</u> - they love

2nd Conjugation: teneo, tenere - to hold

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	<u>teneo</u> - I hold	<u>tenemus</u> - we hold
2nd	<u>tenes</u> - you hold	<u>tenetis</u> - y'all hold
3rd	<u>tenet</u> - he/she/it holds	<u>tenent</u> - they hold